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Congregational Meeting Dates

Sunday, November 11th—Meeting for accepting nominations for church council from the floor.
Sunday, November 18th—Annual Meeting for election of council, adopting the budget, and any other business



Set your clocks back Saturday night,
November 3rd!

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at New Hope Lutheran Church on 12/20/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**



Denton's Reflections

"I am a doctor of Holy Scripture, and for many years have preached Christ; yet, to this day, I am not able to put Satan off or to drive him away from me as I would. Neither am I able so to comprehend Christ and to take hold on Him, as in Holy Scripture He is placed before me. But the devil continually seeks how to put another Christ into my mind. Yet, nevertheless, we ought to render humble thanks to Almighty God, who has hitherto preserved us by His holy Word through faith and by prayer, so that we know how to walk before Him in humility and fear, and not to depend or presume on our own wisdom, righteousness, strength, and power, but to cheer and comfort ourselves in Christ, who is always more than sufficiently strong and powerful; and, although we be weak and faint, yet we continually vanquish and overcome through His power and strength in us poor, weak, and feeble creatures. For this may His holy name be blessed and magnified for evermore. Amen."

Martin Luther

One of the many things about Martin Luther, was a grace-filled faith in Christ. Luther spent many years studying the Word of God, and knew that no amount of study, praying, fasting, or worship would make him able to live a life free from the attacks of Satan. This is no different today, in our world, as we Christians strain to go through the days ahead with worry and fear about the world around us and the nation we live in. As the fall turns to the festival seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will be challenged by the work of Satan, the temptation of his words will fill our ears. The times we have these next two months will be filled with busyness and family time, plenty of opportunity to fall into a trick or two. Remember, that as we see family and friends, as we hustle through life this season, to do so with grace and humility. We are made strong in Christ, but in that strength the world will see weakness. Let the world see what it wants, but rest fully in the arms of Christ. When anger or disagreements flair up, respond with grace and humility, love and peace. When time to share with others comes up, embrace it. When the weight of the world feels like it is on top of you, set it on Christ's shoulders. It's ok not to worry, to focus on the love and life of Christ in your life. God is at work right here in your life, look around, you will see. Peace and Love. Happy Thanksgiving.

-Denton Bennet, SP



New Hope Council Highlights – October 2018

Present – Student Pastor Denton Bennet, James Brown, Sylvia Chandler, Pat Glenn, Gerald Hefner, Kathy Hunter, Annette Sloop, Daniel Wells, & Joann Wingler. Cathy Young was absent. One guest was present: Albert Wingler.

- Written report by Student Pastor Bennet
- Approved September's treasurer's report
- Approved September's council minutes
- Defibrillator Training – Nov. 17 - 10:00 am
- Bought two rectangular tables, one round table, and 4 trash cans for Family Life Center
- Opening Doors* Sundays – Dec. 9, 2018; Mar. 10, 2019; Sept. 8, 2019; and Dec. 8, 2019 – contributions to help seminarians pay for their education
- Replaced computer for office
- New phone system installed
- Next Council meeting will be November 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm



Bible Study

Join us every Thursday @ 12:00 in the chapel beginning November 1st for our new weekly Bible study. Any and all people are invited to join us weekly. This will be a topical based study, so missing a week will not leave you "out of the loop". once again, there will be no books to buy, just bring your desire to grow and learn, a notepad, and your Bible. This study will run from Nov 1st through the end of the year, as we spend 8 weeks examining our neighbor's faith and how ours compare. Class will last approximately 45 minutes. Open to suggestions going forward.

Don't Forget.....

Sunday, November 4th at 2 pm—ReNewing Hope Session
Please make plans to attend!

Sunday School News

Join us on Sundays before service @ 9:00 am at one of our two Sunday schools. The Augsburg Sunday School class will continue to meet in the Chapel, led by their wonderful rotation of teachers.

Beginning November 4th, a second class will meet at 9:00 am in the parlor. This class will be topical and will be led by Student Pastor Denton Bennet. The first topic will cover lessons from Martin Luther and how his understanding of God's life-changing gospel informs day-to-day faith and life in the world today.

The second class is not to take away from the first class, rather compliment the great work they have done and offer a chance for more people to come to Sunday school.

We will have a class on how to use our defibrillator on Saturday, November 17.
Stay tuned for more details.

New Hope's next **Free Hot Dog Lunch** for New Hope members and the community will be Saturday, **November 3rd**. We serve hot dogs, chips, a drink, and a dessert, and serve between **11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.**, eat-in only. Please join us in this ministry and help us welcome our community to New Hope.



The Joyful Morning Circle will meet on Wednesday November 7th at **11:30 am** at Jean Sloop's house. Juanita Brawley is program leader. All ladies are welcome to join us.



The Good Timers November meeting, Tuesday 13th will be lunch at Gary's Barbecue. We will meet at 11:00 at the restaurant. If anyone needs a ride contact Pat Glenn at 704-932-5179. Everyone is invited to come for fellowship.

Faith Circle will meet Monday November 19th 7:00 p.m. at the home of Patsy Harrison. Kathy Hunter will be the program leader. If anyone is interested in attending a circle you are very welcome to join us.

Noisy Bucket for the month of November & December will go to Hospice. Please remember this and bring your coins and extra folding money on November 18th for this outreach.

Empty Medicine Bottles: There is one thing you can say about New Hope's members we are on a lot of medicine. The Second box of bottles have been mailed and we are working on the 3rd box. They requested that the labels be completely off and not be sticky on the bottle. Sometime this is hard to do. Please try to remove the labels as much as possible. This is an outreach that is not hard to do and it helps with the recycling. Please continue with this outreach. If you have any questions please see Erna Brown or Patsy Harrison.



Remember to bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids to church and put them in the box provided by the Lions' Club. This is located in the narthex. The Lions' Club will send them to third world countries where they are put to good use. There they help those less fortunate than we are. You may be the source of someone seeing or hearing. Look around the house. If you see any lying around, bring them to the Lions' Club box.

Cooperative Christian Ministry food pantry is in need of the following items:

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| Sugar Free Items | Canned Carrots |
| Canned Tomatoes or Tomato sauce | Bars of Soap |
| Instant Potatoes | Canned Fruit other than Pears |
| Plastic Bags (used or unused) | Toilet Paper |
| Low Sodium Items | Spaghetti Sauce |



**Make prayer a part of
your daily life...**



Praying for you:

Patsy Karriker	704-933-1783
Cleo Overcash	704-932-6960
Jack & Juanita Brawley	704-933-9183
Lorine Snow	704-933-9687
Joyce Swanner	704-932-1489
Joann Wingler	704-933-2623
Jennifer Williams	704-305-0952
Kathy Hunter	704-773-1848
Jean Sloop	704-932-0041

For members of the prayer team:
Please call the person after your name in the above list.
If no one is home, please leave the message BUT CALL
THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST. Continue that
procedure until you talk with someone in person.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
New Hope Members**

Aderhold Family	Maurice Staley
Todd Morgan	
Margaret Markus	
Lorine Snow & Family	

Prayer Concerns — New Hope Members

Syble Dancy	Cleo Overcash
Sylvia Chandler	Jean Sloop
Pearl Harrison	Kenny Walter, Jr & Julia
Kathy Hunter	Charles Williams

Prayer Concerns— Friends & Family

Andy, Leroy, Louise Adams
Terry Black
Tracy Brooks
Steve Cook
Connie Campbell Family
Charles Chapman
Will Fesperman
Charlotte Hair
Jackie Linker Family
Pam Morgan Family
Lana kay Malcohm
Louise & Rick Mitchell
Rae Pace
Mike Tarlton
Wayne Trebes
Mike & Lacy Williams
Lee Williams
Cameron Vannoy
NICU Babies
Those who suffer loss
All sick members
All cancer patients, their
Family & caregivers
All Veterans & Military
All who travel
All who mourn
All who are in prison
Victims & Families of PA
shooting

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns —
Friends & Family**

Pacey Smith & Family	Rusty & Mary Anne
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CVAN items are collected all year long. CVAN provides shelter for women and children who find themselves in an abusive situation. Usually they flee their homes with just a few of their personal items. The CVAN house gives them a place to feel safe until they can decide what is best for them and their children. Any personal items that you can contribute would be greatly appreciated. Diapers are always needed. They always have a need for paper products, cleaning items and other household items. There is a special need for 13 gallon trash bags and new towels and washcloths. Gift cards are also another way to help the out. There is always a need for paper products. Please remember this when you shop. Most of us are blessed that we have not been in this situation. Please help with this outreach if possible.



November 4 Juanita Brawley
 November 4 Dennis Brawley
 November 15 Richard Walter
 November 16 Nathan Murph
 November 20 Joann Wieland
 November 22 Kathy Hunter

November 25 Erna Brown
 November 25 Suzanne Mattox
 November 25 Charles Swanner
 November 25 Christine Williams
 November 30 Annette Sloop

Anniversaries

November 21 Jeff & Jackie Hart

Given to the glory of God...

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Given in Memory of :

*Larry Harrison
 Larry Harrison*

By:

*Patsy Harrison
 Mike & Cathy Young*

Opening Doors

New Hope has been gracious enough to allow two seminary students work and learn while attending school, to which I thank you and appreciate your willingness to help those who have been called into the service of God. The need for pastors outweigh the number of candidates, in large part due to the high cost of seminary. I would ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation to help future seminarians avoid these high costs. The following dates have been set aside as Opening Doors Sunday, and we will have a special collection on these dates: ***Dec 9, 2018; Mar 10, 2019; Sept 8, 2019; and Dec 8, 2019.*** More information can be found in the Narthex, by contacting Student Pastor Denton Bennet .

MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL

We can't risk walking around with a negative, resentful, gossipy, critical mind, because then we won't be in our true force field. We won't be usable instruments for God. That's why Jesus *commanded* us to love. It's that urgent. It's that crucial.

True religion is radical; it cuts to the root (*radix* is Latin for root). It moves us beyond our "private I" and into the full reality of *we*. Jesus seems to be saying in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) that our inner attitudes and states are the real sources of our problems. We need to root out the problems at that deepest interior level. Jesus says not only that we must not kill, but that we must not even harbor hateful anger. He clearly *begins* with the necessity of a "pure heart" (Matthew 5:8) and knows that the outer behavior will follow. Too often we force the outward response, while the inward intent remains like a cancer.

If we walk around with hatred all day, morally we're just as much killers as the one who pulls the trigger. We can't live that way and not be destroyed from within. Yet, for some reason, many Christians have thought it acceptable to think and feel hatred, negativity, and fear. The evil and genocide of both World War I and World War II were the result of decades of negative, resentful, and paranoid *thinking and feeling* among even good Christian people.

Jesus tells us not to harbor hateful anger or call people names in our hearts like "fool" or "worthless person" (Matthew 5:22). If we're walking around all day thinking, "What idiots!" we're living out of death, not life. If that's what we think and feel, that's what we will be—death energy instead of life force. We cannot afford even inner disconnection from love. How we live in our hearts is our real and deepest truth.

In Matthew 5:44, Jesus insists that we love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Once we recognize that whatever we do in conscious, loving union with Reality is prayer, we can better understand what Paul means when he says, "Pray unceasingly" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). If prayer is merely words or recitations, such constant prayer is impossible in any practical sense.

Adapted from [Richard Rohr: Essential Teachings on Love](#), ed. Joelle Chase and Judy Traeger (Orbis Books: 2018), 157.



Good News. Great Joy! Operation Christmas Child

It's time to fill those shoe boxes! Sunday *November 18th* is the deadline to have your boxes turned in. Remember, the mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love. God will use shoebox gifts to reach boys and girls as well as their friends, families and communities for Christ. As you are packing your shoe box, say a prayer for the child who will be receiving it. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex for more information. If you have any questions please contact 704-932-5179 or email at glennkeith51@gmail.com

~Pat & Lindsay

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a grace
place

The mission of New Hope Lutheran Church is to *live in God's amazing grace and share the Good News of God's love in our community and beyond.*

Our vision is that: *New Hope Lutheran Church will be a faith community where all people can experience God's love and grace, and where we use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit.*



NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 pm—Mid Week Bible Study	2 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	3 11:30 am—Hot Dog Lunch
4 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship 2 pm—ReNewing Hope	5	6 Election Day 7:00 pm—Operations Team 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	7 11:30 am—Joyful Morning 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	8 12:00 pm—Mid Week Bible Study	9 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	10
11 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Congregational Meeting	12 7 pm—Congregation Council	13 11:00 am—Good Timers 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	14 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	15 12:00 pm—Mid Week Bible Study	16 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	17
18 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship Noisy Bucket Offering Congregational Meeting	19 7 pm—Faith Circle	20 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	21	22—Thanksgiving	23 Office Closed 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	24
25—Christ the King 9:00 am—Sunday School 10:00 am—Worship	26	27 7:30 pm—N/A Meeting	28 6:15 pm—Handbell Choir 7:00 pm—Choir 7:00 pm—Scouts	29 12:00 pm—Mid Week Bible Study	30	

NOVEMBER 2018 — WORSHIP LEADERS



ALTAR GUILD
Brown Family

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Chancel Choir



HEAD USHER

Kenny Walter



OFFERING COUNTERS

James & Erna Brown

CHILDREN'S SERMON



11/4 Kathy Hunter
11/11 Erna Brown
11/18 Denton Bennet
11/25 Kristie Wells

Children's Sermon

LECTORS

11/4	Mike Wojciechowski
11/11	Christine Williams
11/18	Erna Brown
11/25	Sylvia Chandler



GREETER

Sylvia Chandler



Augsburg Sunday School Teacher

11/4	Phil Black
11/11	Sylvia Chandler
11/18	Erna Brown
11/25	Christine Williams

Augsburg Sunday School Class



If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find your replacement and call the office to let the secretary know of the schedule change. Thank you.