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A Year of Lent

The movie, *Chocolat* (2000), takes place in a French village where stagnancy has reigned until "a sly wind blew in from the north," bringing with it Vianne (played by Juliette Binoche), who opened a chocolate shop in the town during the Lenten fast. If you have seen the movie you know that after she arrives nothing will be the same in that village again.

The village is controlled by Comte de Reynaud (played by Alfred Molina) who possesses such a narrow morality that it puts a strangle-hold on the town and people's lives. So significant is his grip that Reynaud writes the sermons for the young priest and when delivering the homily Reynaud silently mouths it word-for-word. But his rule of life, which he himself cannot abide, does not lead to life. The movie is set during the season of Lent, and despite the sense that significant time has passed, it is always Lent in the village throughout the movie.

Lent, which is one of my favorite seasons, is marked by reflection, assessment, confession, and amendment of life. Lent is not meant to be maudlin but serious. Not somber so much as marked by vigilance. Not aiming at spiritual self-help; but a recognition when all lies and lesser things are stripped away that we are dependent on God. Like the movie, it feels like we've been in a Lenten mood for months. One church leader described the last year of the pandemic as the longest season of Lent he has ever experienced – a whole year! It was one year ago on March 22nd when we held our last in-person worship.

Usually, I look forward to Lent with its distinct mood and music and dramatic bookends. On Ash Wednesday, we are marked by ash and reminded that life is a brief albeit precious trip from dust to dust. In Holy Week, the readings, liturgies, and even lighting remind us to contemplate the cost required for God to redeem creation. But this Lenten season 2021 has held unpleasant and unwelcome surprises. We grieve a member of our church family who died last week, we pray for over half a million Americans who died from virus, while still staying vigilant and vaccinated against a microbe that holds the world captive. Lent is always a season in which we are reminded of the realities of suffering and vulnerability – this year the reminder is sharper, clearer, and more personal. The good news is the vaccines have come and treatments are turning the numbers more positive even if pandemic isn't over yet. The good news is there are signs of new life in our parish family, among them is a welcome to Hannah Rose Mader born in February! The word Lent means "Springtime" so we do get hints of good things and pleasant surprises arising like daffodils from winter dormancy.

Lent is only a six-week season – so it is itself both brief and temporary even if it is not over yet. Easter is coming. The Holy Spirit in our lives is the "sly wind that blew in from the north" to bring life, vitality, and sweetness to our lives. The Holy Spirit does not bring the happiness of chocolate, even a mysterious power of the confection in *Chocolat*. The Spirit is infinitely more powerful when on the morning of the Third Day, betrayal, injustice, violence, suffering, death, and tomb crumble under the joy and justice of the Risen Lord!

The vulnerability and suffering of the cross imbue us with compassion, kindness, and a vision of God's relentless grace for others and ourselves. Easter fills us with courage and hope -- reminding us that our Lenten work, makes Easter joy sweeter!

May we put our feet to the work of this brief Lenten season: the work of the spiritual disciplines. The classical spiritual disciplines include prayer, study, fasting, almsgiving, and service. Training equips us with skills for a spiritual life and for joining God in His work in the world. For example, we might believe God speaks through the Bible, but barely extract a few mealy drops of living water because we don't know how to meditate. In the same way, without training, it's no surprise if we lack the confidence to pray for others or to witness to our neighbors.

Lenten training helps us experience Easter more profoundly. In a similar way, our discipline during pandemic will make our face-to-face reunions sweeter, too. Let's keep doing the work, the training of Lent, and the vigilance of good hygiene and safety guidelines against the virus. All this work will one day be well worth it because all this Lenten work awakens us to the God who is with us. Always.

"We believe God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting & uncertainty
where fear & courage join hands,
conflict & caring link arms...
We believe in a with-us God
Who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity."

-from the Iona Community

Blessings on your journey with God.

Pastor Craig



Updates on building use during pandemic:

The council is looking at making the building ready for hybrid life together including making video conferencing available in all rooms and hybrid worship (meaning part of the congregation still only online and the other small group in-person) inside the building. We currently have no schedule for beginning any in-person worship but we know the time is coming. We will begin hosting communion services in the parking lot again soon.

HOLY WEEK:

We will continue to bring you special services during Holy Week in partnership with our friends from The United Methodist Church of Westlake Village. At this point we imagine them being recorded for both of our communities of faith. Watch for more information about these services in the coming weeks and in the next edition of our monthly newsletter!

Join us each week for Lenten lunches and study at 11:45 AM each Tuesday during Lent.

Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, March 28th this year.

Good Friday is April 2nd.

Easter Sunday is April 4th!

I invite you to pray as one of your Lenten disciplines these prayers for your church's renewal. See the February newsletter for the Day 1 -13 prayers.

Day 14 – March 2

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

Pray that the work of the Holy Spirit will lead all those who participate in Bible studies and prayer emphasis to abide in Christ and to bear fruit in their lives for God's kingdom. Pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones that they may hold fast to the promises of God and draw strength from abiding in the nurture and sustenance of God.

Day 15 – March 3

Mark 1:14-15

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'"

Ask God to reveal the kingdom brought into this world through Jesus to the community where you live. Pray that the presence of God's kingdom proclaimed through New Hope will lead to godly repentance and faith.

Day 16 – March 4

John 20:31

"But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

Praise God for the gift of Jesus, Messiah, and beautiful Savior. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead many to faith in Jesus as Lord in a mighty way first through our recovery groups and then within the gathered church as we regather.

Day 17 – March 5

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Praise God for the divine love that meets us in Jesus. Pray that one of the fruits of our Lenten emphasis is that those who participate will meet God's amazing love and in return love God with everything that is in them.

Day 18 – March 6

Philippians 2:4-11

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Pray that the mind of Christ, the servant Lord, abides in our leaders, our Council and staff. Pray that one of the fruits of good leadership is the inoculation against divisiveness, increased unity of the church family, and vision for expansion of God's Kingdom.

Day 19 – March 7

2 Timothy 1:8-10

"Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Pray for those who will read the Scripture or lead worship that the fullness of the power of God's word made flesh, Jesus Christ, may come through them to reach the hearts of all who are present.

Day 20 – March 8

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Pray that those who must repent of living with grudges, unresolved pain they transmit to others: may they experience reconciliation with God for healing deep within, and that, in turn, they may reach out and touch others with the same healing message.

Day 21 – March 9

Psalms 51:10-12

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit."

Ask God to accomplish a cleansing, purifying, and sanctifying work in the hearts of many people as a result of our ministry, not only in those who participate, but also in the lives these touch after the finding renewal.

Day 22 – March 10

Isaiah 53:1-6

"Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Pray that the truth of God revealed in Jesus, crucified and risen, penetrates deep into the hearts and spirits. Pray for the renewal of the whole church where it is in error grant it correction; where it is grown wild and unfruitful, prune it; where it is true, confirm and strengthen it. Pray the same for your own discipleship.

Day 23 – March 11

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

Pray the church has courage to go into the community as humble servants. Ask God to show you some people you could personally invite to a life-giving relationship with Christ. Pray for God's guidance, and then invite them. Pray that the "blessing" work of God promised through Abraham gets done in your community before, during and after pandemic. Pray specifically that Leila is granted asylum in her court date today, turn the heart of the judge toward a favorable consideration of her case, give Pastor and all the witnesses clarity and persuasiveness in their testimony.

Day 24 – March 12

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Take a few moments to let God reveal to you the love that has made you a child of God. Listen to the Lord. Let God show you an honest assessment of your need and God's love. Then pray for God to spread in an awesome way the same saving work through your life, that others will embrace a purifying hope in the Lord.

Day 25 – March 13

Psalms 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Ask God to make you aware of your language, and therefore to show you your heart. Ask God to help you make amends where your words have hurt so that all your work and words are pleasing to God, serving God's saving purposes for your community.

Day 26 – March 14

Hebrews 4:12

"Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Pray for a heart that longs for God's word and the wisdom it contains. Ask God to show you what you need to learn in God's word today that a revival may begin in your heart and church.

Day 27 – March 15

Colossians 4:2-3a

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ...”

Pray for our whole church: ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Interim Synod Bishop Murray Fink, our young adults in global mission program who send student missionaries throughout the world. Pray New Hope has a resurgence of young people ready to serve the Lord in church vocations.

Day 28 – March 16

Psalms 63:1-4

“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.”

Ask God to bring to our church those who hunger and thirst for God. Pray that the heart of our church will be turned toward the seeker and the wanderer with compassion, welcome, hospitality, and nurture. Ask God to help your church surrender all systems and cultures that prevent the inclusion of those the Holy Spirit brings to New Hope.

Day 29 – March 17

Matthew 28:16-20

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Pray that New Hope overturns stagnancy for purpose – church-as-usual for a commission to bring God’s love to our community. Pray for our Faith Formation Committee in its infancy may find clarity and direction to lead new believers to committed faith. Pray God sends new believers to New Hope for Baptism and growth in faith.

Day 30 – March 18

Mark 9:35

“He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’”

Commend to God your church that we may relinquish our privileges for the role of servant. Pray we may more and more embody the life of Jesus.

Day 31 – March 19

Hebrews 12:1-2

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Pray God reverses the decline of our ministry and brings renewal and joy in following Jesus – even if it requires death and resurrection. Pray we abandon our desire for a successful church as described by this world, and let us instead be a church heralded in heaven.

Day 32 – March 20

Psalms 25:4-5

“Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.”

Ask God to raise up our confirmation students for leadership in New Hope. Pray for servant hearts in adults to mentor these young leaders. Pray adult leaders will see the wisdom of new wineskins and innovation and bring an end to any generational rivalries for heaven’s purposes.

Day 33 – March 21

Psalms 145:14-18

“The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

Pray the Lord gives us a heart for building a church where the broken are made whole through the healing of the cross of Christ. Pray the Lord sends our church those who are wounded in order to be made whole in this place. Pray for a group of wounded healers to rise within us to, in the authority of Christ, to challenge forces of oppression.

Day 34 – March 22

Ephesians 6:18-20

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.”

Ask God to empower a prayer ministry in our church.

Day 35 – March 23

Joshua 1:9

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Pray God gives us courageous leaders who listen to God and live in expectancy of renewal to devise ways New Hope may surprise the world with God’s abundant grace.

Day 36 – March 24

John 16:12-14

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Pray God creates a way for our ministry to influence school leaders and students in Agoura Hills, Oak Park, Calabasas, Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, and Camarillo for the good, the right, the beautiful, for wholeness.

Day 37 – March 25

2 Thessalonians 3:5

“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.”

Pray for the senior ministries of our church, for the work of our Deacon, that we can bless those who have served Christ throughout their lives, combat loneliness and isolation, and offer renewed purposes.

Day 38 – March 26

Mark 4:26-28

“He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.’”

Pray that God will grow the kingdom in our community as the seed of God’s word is spread at and from our church. Ask God to create partnerships between Christians, breaking down barriers of division and protectionism for a greater vision of cooperation.

Day 39 – March 27

Hebrews 13:2

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Pray God makes us a church where all nations are welcome. Ask the Holy Spirit to dig out the roots of racism and cultural arrogance. Ask God to show us the glory of His name by adding to our number from around the world.

Day 40 – March 28 (Palm Sunday)

Matthew 5:14-15

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.”

Pray for the persecuted church, especially the church in Nigeria that God would convert the hearts of their enemies and use the witness of the church for God’s glory.

Pray that the light of Christ will shine within our church gathered, so everyone is ready to let their light shine as witnesses to God’s sovereign love in Christ. Dedicate Holy Week to the glory of God.

Prayers for Holy Week:

Monday – March 29

Mark 14: 3

Jesus was in Bethany. He was at the table in the home of Simon, who had a skin disease. A woman came with a special sealed jar. It contained very expensive perfume made out of pure nard. She broke the jar open and poured the perfume on Jesus’ head.

Lord Jesus, make me brave enough to bring you my brokenness and my adoration.

Tuesday – March 30

John 12:47

"I don't judge a person who hears my words but does not obey them. I didn't come to judge the world. I came to save the world."

Lord, we give you thanks for the wisdom to hear and obey God's word.

Wednesday – March 31

John 13: 33

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer."

Lord, help us to count our days and lead them wisely, drawing close to you.

Maundy Thursday – April 1

John 13:34

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you. If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples."

Lord Jesus, help me love others like you do.

Good Friday – April 2

John 19: 26-27

Jesus saw his mother there. He also saw the disciple he loved standing nearby. Jesus said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son." He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

Lord Jesus, give me strength to sustain faithful love even on my hardest days.

Holy Saturday – April 3

John 12: 24

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only one seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

Lord Jesus, help me to trust you even when I cannot possibly understand.



PRAYER VENTURES

MARCH 2021

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social, and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 - Women's History Month Give thanks for women throughout history and in our lives who have shared their gifts and leadership in the church and society, raised and cared for us, taught us and nurtured our faith, and fought for justice, equality and healing. Pray for women everywhere who suffer injustice, demeaning stereotypes, violence and poverty, that they will not lose hope but will be delivered from their suffering and persecution to live freely and boldly.

2 - Give thanks that we can trust completely God's promises, love and forgiveness, especially when we feel unlovable, unfaithful or uncertain.

3 - The Spanish word *amparo* means protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. Pray for the ELCA's Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) strategy, and pray that we will join in serving the most vulnerable children and their families as they seek safety and the opportunity to live in welcoming, humane communities and congregations.

4 - Pray for our synod bishops, the presiding bishop and the secretary, who are meeting online for the Conference of Bishops. Ask that the Spirit guide and inspire their discussions, prayerful deliberations and decisions, which impact the ELCA, the work we do together and the Future Church goals and structure being implemented in the churchwide organization.

5 - During our Lenten journey, pray that God will help us reflect on aspects of our life and faith that we find difficult to examine and confess, and that we will remember we are always loved and made new through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ — our Savior, redeemer and source of hope.

6 - Ask God to bless and guide our efforts to worship, commune, study Scriptures, socialize and care for each other online, and to find safe ways of gathering in person. Give thanks for the inspiration of the Spirit and the creativity of our siblings in Christ, who help us envision and practice new ways of being church together.

7 - Pray that the theology, values, traditions and practices of our church and congregations will be centered in the good news of Jesus Christ and the ways of God, and that God will guide us back to this center when we are distracted or drawn away from our purpose and identity as the body of Christ.

8 - International Women's Day Pray for women everywhere, for gender equality and equity, for the elimination of gender bias and stereotypes, and for opportunities for women to develop and use their gifts, skills, insights and passions without barrier or discouragement.

9 - Pray that in the sign and symbol of the cross we will see the power of God at work for our salvation through Jesus Christ — a gift of love and mercy for all people and nations.

10 - Lift up prayers of joy for, and find ways to reach out to, those celebrating birthdays, marriages, anniversaries and other special occasions without being able to share those moments with others in person.

11 - Give praise and glory to our wonderful God, whose ways and commands are revealed to us with clarity and who is merciful and gracious with us when we stray from them.

12 - Pray that we will continue to gain ground on vaccinating people against COVID-19, especially those who are most vulnerable and those who provide essential services for the sake of our health, well-being and daily needs, here and globally.

13 - We are a publicly engaged church that participates in God's work of pursuing justice and peace and of restoring and reconciling communities. Give thanks for ELCA Advocacy, ELCAvotes, the Lutheran Office for World Community and the teachings of our church, which help us to understand the needs of our neighbors, equip us for social concerns and encourage us to respond as God calls us to serve and act.

14 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." This is welcome news for everyone! Give thanks and praise to God!

15 - Give thanks that God has created us to do good in the world and that, even in complex and difficult circumstances, the Spirit is always at work teaching and emboldening us to love and serve our neighbor.

16 - Give thanks that God loves us, hears our pleas — spoken and silent — and grants us hope, comfort and relief amid our troubles. Ask that the Spirit will show us how to respond with wisdom, compassion and hope when our neighbors experience difficulties.

17 - Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Africa, including the Rev. Elisabeth Johnson (Cameroon), Anne and Willie Langdji (Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa), the Rev. Alex Lachapelle (Kenya), the Rev. Brian Palmer and the Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo (Liberia), the Rev. Lancelot Themba and Kwena Mkhabela (Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa), and the Rev. Amanda and the Rev. Grant Applehans (Madagascar).

18 - Ask God to prepare and equip congregations and communities — physically, emotionally and spiritually — to respond to the severe weather that often comes in spring, and to help one another endure.

19 - Give thanks that God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, rescues us from darkness, sin, death and all that separates us from our loving and merciful Creator. Pray that we will take to heart Paul's reminder that "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

20 - Thank God for our special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we will find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.

21 - We grieve the suffering and death of Jesus, yet we also rejoice in his resurrection and the promise of salvation that comes with it. Pray that we will follow Jesus wherever he leads us — through challenges and joys — and that our lives will glorify God throughout the journey.

22 - Pray for the lay leaders of our church, who respond to God's call to serve, accept invitations to share their gifts and skills, and give of themselves to grow the church, serve neighbors in need, nurture the faith of others and equip disciples of all ages.

23 - Pray for God's mercy and love every day. Ask that God will instill in us joy and hope, create in us a faithful spirit, teach us truth and wisdom, and stir gratitude in our hearts for all that God has done and continues to do for us and all humanity.

24 - Due to the lasting impact of COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding vaccine rollout, the ELCA has decided not to send Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers for its 2021-22 program year. Pray for young adult applicants who are eager to serve and share their faith, and for the enduring relationships we have with our companion churches and partner organizations around the world.

25 - Pray for all those who grieve and suffer the loss of a loved one, friend, co-worker or neighbor, especially those impacted by the death of someone from COVID-19.

26 - We see humility, sacrifice and unconditional love in the suffering Jesus endured for our redemption. Pray that the Spirit will make us humble, loving servants willing to sacrifice convenience, reward and emotional comfort for the sake of sharing the gospel and caring for our neighbors in need.

27 - Pray for our ELCA missionaries serving alongside companion churches and organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Albert (Gustavo) Driau and the Rev. Rachel Ringlaben (Argentina and Uruguay), Karen Anderson (Chile), Linda Gawthorne (Colombia) and the Rev. Claudia Lopez Ortega (Nicaragua).

28 - Palm Sunday Jesus endured persecution, inner conflict, betrayal by his closest followers, arrest and an unfair trial leading to his death — all for our salvation and the fulfillment of God's promises and love. Give praise and thanks to the Son of God!

29 - Pray that we might reconcile our differences and embrace, teach and act on our values, appreciating the diversity of humanity and our communities, attending to our neighbors in need, practicing mutual respect and care, and pooling our diverse gifts, skills and perspectives to change our society, church and world.

30 - Prayerfully reflect on who Jesus is and what we profess to believe about Jesus as Savior, teacher, servant, example, source of truth, man and Son of God.

31 - Give thanks to God that "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" who support and encourage our faith and accompany us in our baptismal journey of service and witness.

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From the Deacon



It's not too late to join our Lenten Zoom soup lunches on Tuesdays. If you have a computer, tablet or smartphone, you can connect with us and enjoy 30 minutes of visiting and eating lunch, and forty-five minutes of discussion on our Lenten study topic, "What Will it Take to End Hunger?" Our study material is from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger program, and you should have received our study guide already, with its five weekly topics.

Our first session on February 23rd tackled "The Bigger We" which means looking at who's involved when we, as New Hope, say "we" are doing something. There is music each week, Scripture reading, and good discussion as we look at some heavy issues, but also get to visit with each other and enjoy some social time.

Our remaining weeks look at Honesty, Justice, Investment, and Action. Pastor Craig, Mary Ann Fiore, and Karen Ingram will take turns with me leading the discussions, and on our fifth week, we'll have a special guest, Pastor Joseph Castaneda Carrera from the Southwest California Synod office talking about steps we can take toward action, especially reaching out in diversity. Lunch starts at 11:45 each week, and discussion at 12:15 if you want to join us.

For a change on the news front, especially with the pandemic, the news is more good than bad. A number of folks at New Hope have had at least one vaccine shot for COVID-19, and some have even had both doses. Staff and church council leadership are beginning to look at what it will take to slowly, safely, and carefully have some form of in-person worship, or at least a "hybrid" worship where some folks would be in person and some remote. It won't happen tomorrow or even next week, but we can start taking the steps to help make that happen.

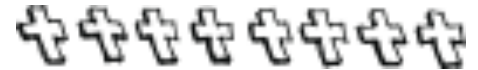
Some of those in-between steps will be starting back up on drive-through communion and having Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to folks in their home/place of residence. We're looking at creative ideas as well that might include a "parking lot" worship service via FM radio in cars, or outdoor distanced worship in some form. We'll keep you posted on what's happening in the weeks ahead.

Join us each Tuesday for our Lenten Luncheon Series



Our lunch together begins at 11:45 a.m. We will start our Lenten Study at 12:15 p.m.

Visit our website at NewHopeAgoura.org for details and ZOOM access information.



Matthew 12:9-14

The Man with a Withered Hand

⁹ He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰ a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." ¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

During this time of pandemic, I have had much more time at home so I have had the opportunity to cook more often and my spouse has decided that this means she should send me all the great recipes that the internet has to offer. Time and time again this has been a fun experience, but the other day we got to talking about one of my favorite things to eat as a child and that is hot dogs. There was a particular way my Dad would make hot dogs that I loved. We would make a hot dog with two strips of bacon and cover it with melted cheese. I took to the internet to see if this was something that my Dad had constructed himself or if the world already knew of this delicious monstrosity. To my surprise this was something that was quite common especially in the city known for its hot dogs, Chicago.

I decided to look at one of the recipes and the person who posted it was a native of Chicago and part of the recipe was something that, as someone whose family has roots and relatives in Chicago, surprised me. The gentleman suggested putting ketchup on this hot dog. The next thing I did was something I usually try to avoid, but I couldn't help myself, so I made my way to the comments section where a host of messages were posted. The barrage of Chicago natives who gave this person grief about even suggesting putting ketchup on a hot dog was massive, yet I wasn't too surprised. There are things like this in all of our lives, for some reason a particular practice or idea is like a way of life in one community and heresy in another.

This is exactly where we find ourselves in this Gospel reading for this week. Jesus is not observing the Sabbath in the way that the Pharisees believe that he should. This observance, to them, is something they take very seriously and very literally. For them to work on the Sabbath encompasses many things, including healing on the Sabbath. But this idea is being pushed to its limits when Jesus encounters the man with the withered hand. If Jesus has the power to heal, what should it matter what day it is? And then Jesus rephrases their questions and turns it towards them and says, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath?" And let's be honest there is only one response to this question and for Jesus that is yes.

Now we must ask ourselves how often do we find a reason whether legitimate or not, to not do good? When we see someone in need what are the reasons that we tell ourselves to not help that person, maybe we say things like they need to pull themselves up by their bootstraps or we say that they made their bed and now they have to lay in it. We often find reasons that we should avoid helping others and I think it is time to start finding more reasons why we should help one another. We must remind ourselves that it takes a community and that when we practice being a community all of a sudden everyone's life seems to improve in some way. There is less worrying about what one has to do if the worst possible thing happens. When we have those support systems and communities that we can count on our lives improve.

And that is something we must also always remember about God. God is always there for us and hears our prayers, whether they are prayers of joy or lament. God is where we start and when we remember the love that God has for us and despite anything we do, God still loves us. We must have the same zealousness for one another, always looking for a reason to help, a reason to heal. Amen.

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December 16th - Advanced Healthcare Directives	March 17th - Community Property
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February 25, 2021

Dear New Hope family,

I bring to you today incredibly sad news. We have received word of the unexpected death of our dear friend and sister-in-Christ, Jax Rains-Turk. I spoke with her husband, Jeff, this morning. All he knows is after Jax had not responded to texts and phone calls, their oldest daughter went to their home in South Carolina to check on her Wednesday morning. She found Jax in bed, deceased.

This news is shocking and distressing. I am sorry we were not able to make personal phone calls to every member for whom Jax was an extra-special person. This list would have been quite long. Notification by email and prayer chain became a necessity after I began to hear from New Hope members who were learning of Jax's death from friends beyond the congregation.

Jeff, Grace, and Celeste are in deep grief, of course. There are many unanswered questions that will take time to resolve. There was no obvious cause of death. Jeff is asking for privacy while they try to attend to those questions and to grieve. Currently, we have no information about next steps or services. I would assume these decisions will be impacted or delayed because of the pandemic.

The Rain-Turk family had been in the process of relocating to South Carolina. They were selling their home in Newbury Park when it was damaged by fire. Jeff stayed here to tend to the repairs of the house while Jax moved into the new home to begin establishing a household in South Carolina. She, of course, did so with gusto and was already singing in a church there. We remember those new friends in our prayers today too.

Those who knew Jax well are devastated by this news. She was such a bright light of hope, compassion, service, faithfulness, and love – and it is a deep grief to not have her with us. There are so many organizations she has blessed, including our church, and she was a friend to many and an influential leader. There are many grieving today, including us. Most importantly, her family, including her sister Carole, needs our prayers. Please lift them up to God for strength and comfort.

Our faith calls us to hope in the resurrection of Jesus. This hope was well planted and clearly proclaimed by Jax in word, song, and deeds. Though stung by our tears today, we claim this hope and promise from God for her. We thank God for the multitude of ways God blessed us and this world through Jax.

In Christ,

Pastor Craig



In loving memory
Jacqueline Rains-Turk



Let us remember the following people in our prayers.....

Debbie Niebolt is recovering from surgery.

The Rains-Turk family on the death of Jax.

Continued prayers of healing for Barbara Artinian, Katie Jo Ash, Floyd Bealer, Irene Bright, Elisabeth Brown, Evelyn Colby, Matt and Sandy Cowden, Faith David, Holly Dolliver, Jill and Chris Fisher, Steve Frye, Lyla Grant, Bob Green, Sandy Hansen, Del Hultgren, Sue Koons, Diane Lawson, Joyce Lawson, Reeta Leland, Joan Looman, Elisabeth and Jorgen Makitalo, Cheryl Merrill, Kathryn Murray, Ava Grace O'Connell, Nick and Cindy O'Hare, Karen Orefice, Ahoo Pilehvari, Sharon Pryor, Wayne Rickert, Jane Taschereau, Rose Topliss, Jax Rains-Turk, Fred Turner, and Britt Tsumpes.

Prayers for our servicemen - Landen Anderson, Gerren Blair, Taylor Blair, Heather Brown, Keith Brown, Patrick Clohessy, Cynthia Colby, Jonah Hershman, Kyle McCarley, Ikenna Olelewe, and Jason Retter.



Congratulations to Jane and Rob Taschereau on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Reese Rudell. She was born on February 20th and weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. Parents are Andrea and Taylor.

We rejoice with Leila and Shannon Mader on the birth of Hannah Rose. She was born on February 22nd and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. Welcome to our church family Hannah!



Thank you to our church family for all their prayers this past year for Fred with his health issues, Prayers definitely work and they are appreciated.

Fred and Susie Turner

Thank you to everyone for their generous support for the Lustgarten Foundation. In the memory of a great number of our church family whose lives were taken by pancreatic cancer, New Hope for Linda raised \$4,500 for the important research to find better diagnostic and treatment answers to this deadly form of cancer.

Tom LaVanne



Please make the following change to your church directory.

Sue Poulson
6885 Coyote Canyon Road
Somis 93066
818-674-6954 - cell phone



Thrivent Members

It's time to designate any remaining Choice Dollars earned in 2020. This needs to be done before March 31st. The church is registered as a charity to whom Thrivent Choice Dollars can be directed. These gifts to our ministry add up and give us critical income to keep us responsible stewards. Thank you!



SCRIP gift cards are easy to give and fun to receive, but did you know that a percentage of every SCRIP gift card purchased through New Hope comes back to New Hope? Contact Kathy Rogers at kathleen.rgrs@gmail.com or call her at 818-889-4058 to let her know what cards you would like to purchase. You can also have a current list of the hundreds of gift cards that can be special purchased through New Hope for gift giving. Contact Kathy Rogers for more information, she will be happy to send you a current list of the cards that are available to order.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A prayer shawl is a knitted or crocheted shawl that can comfort and support those in need. While stitching, the maker of the shawl prays for the recipient. Prayer shawls can be made to convey blessings for a wedding, birth, or Baptism, or comfort during an illness or loss. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for someone, or would like information on how you can participate in this ministry, [click here](#) to contact the church office.



Prime Timers

As we are in the season of Lent, let's join each other during this time having our Lenten luncheon of soup and salad with rolls and a light dessert, remembering Jesus in our hearts and prayers following the path to Easter Sunday.

Reminder to follow ELCA World Hunger's 40 days of Giving's Devotional Guide to worship, study, reflect, pray, give, hear, and sing as we continue on Jesus' path to Easter Sunday.

Rose Topliss



MANNA FOOD PANTRY

With distribution programs, we help over 20,000 people each year throughout the 101 corridor cities from the Calabasas Grade to the Conejo Grade.

Please drop off your donations at Manna Food Bank located at:

3020 Crescent Way
Thousand Oaks 91362

Donation Drop Off Hours -

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 4 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM – 1 PM

Any questions, call Ann Ashamallah at (818)-613-6818.

Top Priority Items

- 1 - Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- 2 - Baking Items - cookie/cake mix, flour, sugar, etc.
- 3 - Canned/Boxed gravy
- 4 - Boxed Stuffing
- 5 - Granola Bars
- 6 - Pancake Mix and Syrup
- 7 - Condiments - Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise
- 8 - Mac and Cheese
- 9 - Drinks - Juices/Almond Milk/Protein Drinks, Soft Drinks
- 10 - Eggs



The daytime Book Club will meet at 1:30 PM on Zoom on Monday, March 1st to discuss "Runaway: stories" by Alice Munro. Please join us if you can. The future books we are reading are....

April 6th - "Try Not to Breathe" by Holly Siddon

May 4th - "Ask Again, Yes" by Mary Beth Keane



Join Our Heavenly Hiking Fellowship

For over a few months, we have been doing a morning hike every Tuesday and Saturday from 7:30 – 8:30 AM. We are calling ourselves the Heavenly Hiking Fellowship, and we are a fun, uncompetitive group of Christian hikers. Because the Conejo Valley is blessed with a number of amazing hikes with beautiful views, we go on a variety of hikes. Whether experienced or new, all are working to get in shape and maybe lose a little weight. We take rest stops to give new hikers a chance to catch up and get in shape. We hike for 45 minutes and then go back the way we came so people can get on with their day. If you would like to join us when your schedule allows, send an email to Terry Paulson (terry@terrypaulson.com). You'll receive a regular email update on our next hike and how to get to that trailhead. We may not be able to worship together, but we can hike together and maintain physical distance.

Social Ministry

Hi Church Family -

I want to update you on a couple of developments regarding our brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace Houston and our Conejo Meals Program with Harbor House.

I spoke with Pastor Adriana and they are doing OK after the deep freeze/power outages in Houston. They did have significant damage to their sanctuary and kitchen due to pipes that burst from freezing. I will keep in touch with them.

Meals Program

We resumed contributing a hot meal on our usual 3rd Monday of the month as of December. This is a grab and go program for the guests with strict precaution. After the holidays, some of the organizations participating have decided not to participate at this time. We will be stepping up and providing a second meal on the first Monday for March and April. I will need help with heating and portioning entrees. I am purchasing the entrees and individual containers which will be delivered to you for heating. Holy Trinity has stepped up during the crisis and established a very safe drop off system. Please see our Friday email for details.

Thanks to so many of you who have prepared lunches, food and heated entrees so we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in this crazy time.

In Christ, Merylee Blair



CSVP Volunteers Provide Income Tax Assistance

In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, trained and certified CSVP volunteers will provide **FREE** income tax preparation for persons in either of these categories:

- Seniors 60 years of age or older (any income level) OR
- Persons with an income of \$56,000 or less, regardless of age

Goebel Adult Community Center

1385 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

WE WILL BE MAKING LIMITED APPOINTMENTS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 10. THIS WILL BEGIN AS A HYBRID IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL PROGRAM. THE IN-PERSON TAX PROGRAM WILL PROCEED WHEN VENTURA COUNTY MOVES TO RED TIER. DUE TO HIGH VOLUME CALLS, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND STAFF WILL GET BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CALL THE CONEJO SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OFFICE AT 805-381-2742 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Photo identification
2. The completed (attached) 13614-C Intake/Interview form (an online fillable PDF is available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f13614c.pdf>) If you use the online form, you must print it and bring it with you.
3. Social Security card(s) - (this is required for all dependents and taxpayers)
4. A copy of last year's Federal and State return (unless we did your tax return last year)
5. Birth dates for you, your spouse, and any dependents on tax return
6. Wage and earning statements (W2's and 1099's); Social Security Benefits (1099-SSA) plus any pensions, annuities, and IRA/401(k) distributions (1099-R's)
7. Interest and dividend statements (1099 INT; 1099 DIV; 1099-B)
8. Unemployment Compensation (1099-G)
9. State refunds (1099-G)
10. Any cancellation of debt (1099-C)
11. Gambling Winnings (W-2G)
12. Any miscellaneous income reported on a **1099-MISC** or **1099-NEC**
13. The **Economic Incentive Payments** amounts received, last spring (\$1200/500) and this winter (\$600); these amounts are NOT taxable by either the IRS or CA, but we want to ensure you received your full amount due.
14. Health Insurance Information: (a 1095-A is required for health insurance coverage obtained through Covered California (the "marketplace"))
15. A blank or voided check-routing numbers and account numbers (deposit of refunds or direct debit of a balance due)
16. Any other relevant information about **income**, **expenses** and **deductions** (complete the deductions worksheet).
17. If there will be a college student on the tax return, a Tuition Statement – **1098-T** is required
18. Business income and expenses for Schedule C—**We ONLY do Schedule C returns, if there's a profit and expenses are Under \$35,000; without home use, inventory, or depreciation. If you are self-employed, complete the self-employment worksheet**

We CANNOT provide Income Tax Assistance for the following:

- Rentals (Schedule E – house or room rentals)
- Out-of-state returns
- Married filing separate returns

For more information, contact the Conejo Senior Volunteer Program at 805-381-2742 or csvp@crpd.org



From Fred Dunn -

Your 2021 Conejo Valley CROP Hunger Walk is vitally important as so many people in the U.S. and around the world continue to struggle with the coronavirus pandemic and its rippling effects. The UN estimates that 130 million **more** people could be at risk of starvation, and half a billion people pushed into poverty.

Those are devastating numbers, and each of them represents a real person. I know you care ... and your participation in this year's Walk will help push back on this unacceptable, yet looming, reality.

Because of your past commitment to this cause, I wanted you to be the first to know that your Walk's online page is now live and registration is open!

You'll find our new fundraising site simple to use when registering, making donations and managing your page. Linking your favorite social media accounts to keep your friends and family updated on your progress, is easier too!

I'm your coach for this year's CROP Hunger Walk, and I'll be here to help with any questions and offer tips and tricks along the way.

So this year, will you join us to walk for the people who are feeling new hunger in our neighborhoods and the people who are spiraling into poverty around the world? Every step you take, every donation you receive or gift you give means you're releasing someone from hunger's grasp.

Ready to walk the talk? Get started here:
crophungerwalk.org/thousandoaksca

Thank you for taking a moment to reflect and act,
Jason Welle, CWS



In need of prayer?
We are here for you

Contact us through our
PRAYER WALL
at
NewHopeAgoura.org



4 WAYS to **GIVE**

To support the work of
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Agoura Hills, CA
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Secure Giving through
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Contact the church
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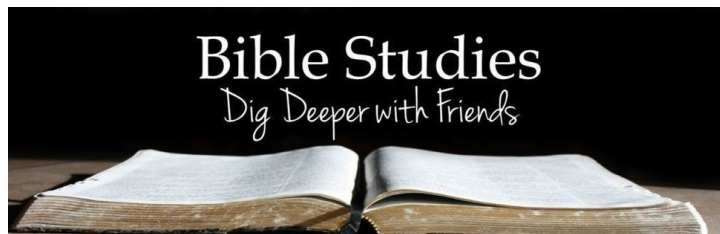
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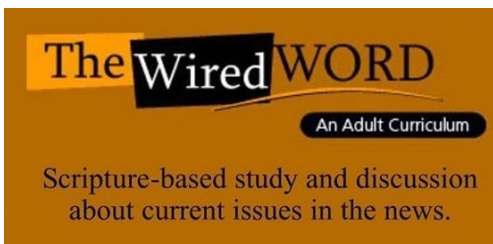
**See website for meeting information*



Are the continuing COVID-19 restrictions causing you to feel disconnected from your church family? Even though we can't be together in all the ways we have been accustomed, we can connect by taking advantage of technology! We would like to encourage you to check out our weekly Bible Studies held on **ZOOM**. ZOOM provides a "real-time" meeting environment where you can interact with all participants. If you would like help getting started, reach out to the church office at newhope@newhopeagoura.com or call us at 818.889.8700 and we will assist you. Don't miss this option to stay connected with your church family while deepening your relationship with Jesus.

Details for all our classes, including convenient links that will connect you to the ZOOM meetings, can be viewed on our website at: www.newhopeagoura.org/upcoming-events

Adult Study & Discussion—ONLINE



Sunday Mornings at 9a.m. or Sunday Evenings at 7p.m.

Join us each Sunday on ZOOM when we delve into a current event taken from the "Wired Word." If you would like to receive a preview of our weekly discussion, email Pastor Craig at craig@newhopeagoura.com to be added to the mailing list.

Women's Bible Study—ONLINE Mondays at 10 a.m.



Women of all ages are invited to attend our weekly bible study when we spend time in God's word, in prayer and in fellowship. It is a great opportunity during this time of COVID-19 restrictions, to draw closer to God and to be supported by one another.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study—ONLINE at 10a.m.



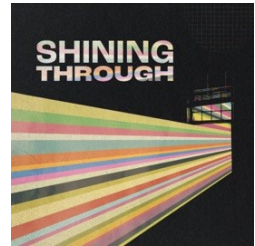
This bible study is hosted by Pastor Craig. We are currently using the study from *Gather Magazine* from the Women of the ELCA. If you would like to receive the study material each week, email Pastor Craig at Craig@newhopeagoura.com

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship—ONLINE Thursdays at 7:30a.m.

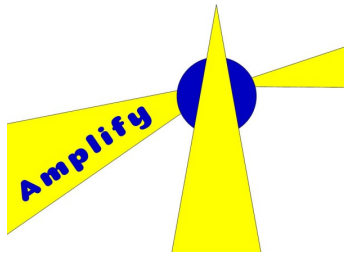


The Men of New Hope gather each week for stimulating conversations about current issues involving life and faith. They are currently in a study entitled "Shining Through" featuring Rev. Andy Stanley from North Point Community Church near Atlanta, Georgia.

Join us. All Are Welcome



Programs for our Youth



Amplify is a Sunday School program designed for children ages 4 years through 4th grade. Join us each Sunday morning on ZOOM at 9:30a.m.

Contact Merylee for **ZOOM** access information



Confirmation continues to meet as a middle school youth group with activities planned each week on ZOOM including: art projects, cookie baking, games, prayer, and good conversation.

Contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Craig for **ZOOM** access information

Did you miss last week's service?
Is there a service you wish you could experience again?

NEW HOPE WORSHIP



All our recorded services are available to view on our website. To browse our library, go to the **WORSHIP** menu on our homepage at NewHopeAgoura.org



March Birthdays

- 5 Gaye Khan
 Jim Merrill
- 6 Lyla Grant
- 7 Toni Larson
- 8 Jake and Sam Beeker
 Luke Gibbons
- 19 Taylor Mansmann
- 20 Fred Turner
- 22 Gerda Sawaya
- 30 Clara Church
 Gail Beeker



Support Our Military

Please continue to collect personal care items and treats to support our troops. Travel size products such as soaps, shampoo, razors, lotions, deodorants, etc. are especially appreciated. Hard candies, lifesavers, and breath mints make refreshing treats to share too. Contact the church office at 818-889-8700 or by email to laurie@newhopeagoura.com to make arrangements for drop off.

The deadline for all articles for the April newsletter is March 25th. Be sure to email them to gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com.



Disaster Preparedness

As we enter into the fire season, now more than ever is a good time to review the Disaster Preparedness resources that have been compiled by your Church Council and posted to our website. <http://www.newhopeagoura.org/disaster-plan/>



DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH.

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