

newhope *news*

Lutheran Church - Agoura Hills

January, 2022

From the Deacon

Fifty years. For a person it wouldn't be considered a very long life. For a church, not all faith communities make it that long. New Hope will mark its 50th anniversary in May, 2022. Plans are underway to figure out how we do that.

While the planners plan, here are some of the questions the rest of us need to reflect on:

- How and where do we want to celebrate entering our 51st year?
- What's the biggest change we want to make moving forward?
- What's the most important thing to keep just the way it is?
- If you've been a member for a while, what do you miss from ten years ago? Or twenty? How could we do a new version of that for 2022?
- If you're new to New Hope, what drew you here? What's keeping you here?

The newly-forming Mission Exploration Team (MET) will be searching for the answer to these questions and more. If you want to be one of the seven or eight people on the MET, contact congregational President Tom LaVanne.

After two months of waiting and hoping, New Hope should have an interim minister or an interim team before the end of January. If you have questions about that, talk to Tom, or one of the other New Hope congregational council members.

If you're new to New Hope, or you've been part of the community through the COVID lockdown and are joining us now regularly, you are invited to become a member. It's an easy process of acknowledging your wish to join, having a class with some information (and probably a meal) then being assigned a sponsor and being introduced during worship. Interested? Sign up for a new members' class on the website (www.newhopeagoura.com) and/or contact Laurie Scott. New member class will be held in January so that new members are eligible to vote at the January Congregational Meeting.



Un-Deck the Halls

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Volunteers needed!
Saturday,
January 8th
Join us at 9:30a.m

Social Ministry

Welcome to 2022! I think we are all ready to say goodbye to 2021 and look forward with a New Hope for a New Year!

This past year, despite many surprises which have challenged us, I am so very grateful for the support you have all continued to demonstrate for Social Ministry!

We have continued to faithfully support:

- Sack lunches/Adopt a Family gift cards for LSS
- Hot meals for Harbor House monthly
- Gift Cards for the children of Prince of Peace Houston (holiday)
- ELCA Good Gifts Critters (just ending 12/31/2021)

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who:

- Cranked up their ovens for messy pot pies
- Spread the mustard/mayo on endless sandwiches
- Saw their gift card provide a present for a child in Houston who would go without
- Gave God's critters to a family overseas for self reliance and hope for the future
- Offered me support and help by saying, "What can I do?"

Your generosity truly humbles me! May we continue to answer God's calling in 2022 with "Here I Am Lord."

Thanks be to God and blessings, Merylee Blair

Thanks to all who joined in the Adopt a Family Program from Harbor House. New Hope adopted 6 families and provided gifts for 20 kids plus \$50 grocery certificates for each family. You are all so generous!

Sue Poulson

CSVP Certified Volunteers Provide

FREE TAX PREPARATION

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 \$57,000 or less, regardless of age



Conejo Creek South Community Building
1350 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91362

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, and Fridays

Tuesday, February 1 - Friday, April 15, 2022
8:30am - 4:00pm

(MONDAYS, 8:30AM - 12:30PM
SPANISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE)

Newbury Park Library
2331 Borchard Rd., Thousand Oaks, 91320

WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Wednesday, February 2 -
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
10:00am - 4:00pm

**No appointments taken - First-come, first-served basis. Please read all information.
Adhering to County of Ventura COVID-19 Guidelines, Masks Required.**

WHAT TO BRING

- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- Photo identification
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number documents for you, your spouse, and dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and dependents
- A copy of last year's Federal and State tax return
- All Forms W-2, 1098, and 1099
- Interest and dividend statements (1099 INT; 1099 DIV; 1099B)
- Form 1095-A (Marketplace Health Insurance)
- Other relevant information on income, expenses, deductions
- Information for all deductions/credits
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number
- Bank Routing numbers for direct deposit
- For prior year returns, copies of income transcripts from IRS if Form W-2 not available

WILL PREPARE

- Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2)
- Interest Income (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV)
- State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G)
- Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G)
- IRA Distributions (Form 1099-R)
- Pension Income (Forms 1099-R, CSA-1099)
- Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099)
- Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B)
- Sale of Home (Form 1099-S)
- Self-employed Income (Form 1099-MISC)
- Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G)
- Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C)
- Health Savings Accounts (Form 1099-SA)
- Itemized Deductions
- Education Credits (Form 1098-T)
- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Health Insurance Statements (Forms 1095-A, B or C)
- Prior Year and Amended Returns
- Business income/expenses for Schedule C (ONLY if there is a profit and expenses are under \$35,000; no home use, inventory, or depreciation)

WILL NOT PREPARE

- Schedule E (No Rentals)
- No out-of-state-returns
- No married filing separate returns

For more information, contact CSVP at 805.381.2742 or csvp@crpd.org



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

Lorie Paulson and John Leland and their families on the death of their mother, Reeta.

The McGinnis Family on the death of Gail's mom, Doris.

Karen Ingram is recovering from hand surgery.

Continued prayers of healing for Barbara Artinian, Floyd Bealer, Irene Bright, Evelyn Colby, Matt and Sandy Cowden, Steve Frye, Lyla Grant, Bob Green, Sandy Hansen, Del Hultgren, Sue Koons, Joyce Lawson, Jorgen Makitalo, Cheryl Merrill, Kathryn Murray, Debbie Niebolt, Ava Grace O'Connell, Cindy O'Hare, Karen Orefice, Ahoo Pilehvari, Sharon Pryor, Wayne Rickert, Nina Rose Sawaya, Dutch Schulze, Madelyn and Stan Swope, Jane Taschereau, Rose Topliss, Susie and Fred Turner, Britt Tumpes and Ralph Zbrog.

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



Directory Update

Please make the following changes in your directory:

Holly Dolliver
holly28720@gmail.com

Phyllis Rickert
cell - 818-515-9038



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, 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, you can use this URL for the "click here" link: <https://www.newhopeagoura.org/ministries/prayer-shawl-ministry/> and it will take you to the Prayer Shawl Request form.

Our next prayer shawl meeting is on Sunday, February 6th at 9:15 AM in the Amplify Room. They will not be meeting in January.



A huge thank you to all who came out and decorated our church for Christmas! Everyone was so enthusiastic and did a magnificent job.

*Happy and Blessed New Year,
Karen Orefice*



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? It's a WIN/WIN! You can let Kathy Rogers know what you would like to order by emailing her at kathleen.rgrs@gmail.com You can also request a list of the hundreds of gift cards that can be special purchased through New Hope for giving. She will send to you the list via email for you to see what could be ordered.

Contact Kathy Rogers for more information
- kathleen.rgrs@gmail.com

"We're not called to tell people how important we are. We are called to tell people how loved they are."

"I choose to focus on the good for a simple reason: There's far more good in the world and in people than there is bad."

- Guideposts

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
JANUARY 30TH
FOLLOWING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE TO
DISCUSS THE 2022
BUDGET AND A
CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO VOTE
ON TO MAKE DEACON
LYNN A VOTING
MEMBER ON THE
COUNCIL.**



Let us help you recognize your special event or someone special

To request an altar flower arrangement: go to our website's **GIVING** menu, select **ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS** and complete the form, or contact the church office

Your personal message will be included in our worship service announcements and the arrangement is yours to take following our service.



Godspeed and Farwell Tribute Videos for Pastor Craig

The recorded Godspeed & Farewell service for Pastor Craig and Kristine has been edited for improved viewing and to include additional content. A copy of this edited version along with an extended version of the Picture Video Tribute was included in the gift package that was sent to Pastor Craig earlier this month. These tribute videos have been posted to our website under the **GALLERIES & more** menu. A special thanks to Terry Paulson for creating these memorable tributes.

You are not alone

How can we pray for you today?

Whether you seek prayer for yourself or a loved one, we would like to stand with you.

Share your prayer request through our website: www.NewHopeAgoura.org/PRAYER-REQUEST or contact the church office.

Heavenly Hiking Fellowship

Experts say that being in nature can **boost your mood** and improve **mental health**.

Join us 7-8:30a.m.
Tuesdays and Saturdays

There is much to discover
on our local trails.



These hikes include amazing trails with beautiful views and are easy enough for kids, but still fun for adults. If you would like to join us, email Terry Paulson,

terry@terrypaulson.com

You will receive regular emails with details on our next hike where we will meet.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YouTube CHANNEL

Our subscribers are notified whenever New Hope posts a worship video or starts a live-stream service.

Click link to subscribe:

<https://www.youtube.com/newhopeagoura>

WAYS to GIVE

Thank you
for supporting
the work
of

newhope
Lutheran Church



In Person

offering plate
available at all
in-person worship
services.



By Mail

Address to:
New Hope Church
29295 Agoura Road
Agoura Hills, CA
91301



Online

Secure Giving through
our website using the
PayPal donate option
NewHopeAgoura.org



Electronically

Contact the church
office for assistance
in setting up **VANCO**
automated giving



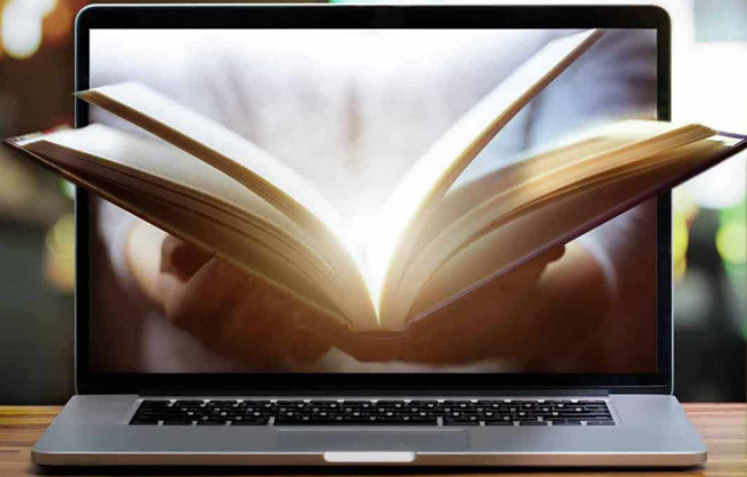
Volunteer

**Sharing Your Time
& Talents**

If interested in
serving, contact the
church office for
more information

Join us for our weekly online Bible Studies

Dig deeper in God's word with friends



See the weekly
schedule on our
website/ **EVENTS
CALENDAR**

MANNA FOOD PANTRY

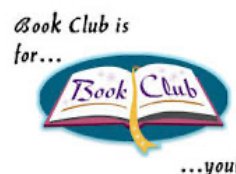
With holiday distribution programs, we help over 20,000 people each year throughout the 101 corridor cities from the Calabasas Grade to the Conejo Grade.

Please drop off your donations in the wooden chest in the hallway, outside of the sanctuary. Any questions, call Ann Ashamallah at (818) 613-6818.

Top Priority Items:

1. Cookies/Crackers
2. Hamburger Helper
3. Coffee/Tea/Drinks - Almond/Soft Drinks
4. Water
5. Tomato Soup
6. Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
7. Shampoo/Conditioner
8. Deodorant
9. Soap - Liquid/Bar
10. Shaving Items





Support Our Military

January Birthdays

- 4 Jennifer Fitzgerald
- 5 Avery Mansmann
Linsey Niebolt
- 6 Alyssa Taylor
- 10 Pat Henkel
- 15 Tom LaVanne
- 23 Karen Ingram
- 24 Robin Martin



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. You may drop these items off in the box in the narthex.

The deadline for all articles for the February newsletter is January 26th. Be sure to email them to gsmcginnis@roadrunner.com.

The daytime Book Club will meet at 11:45 AM on Zoom on Tuesday, February 1st to discuss "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins. Please join us if you can. The future books we are reading are....

March 1st - "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson

April 5th - "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig



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